

Enforcement Fact Sheet

New Bedford

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I. General

A. Name

Acushnet Company, Golf Division
Slocum Street
Acushnet, MA 02743

B. NPDES Permit

Federal Number: MA0005428
State Number: 500
Issued: June 4, 1975
Expires: June 1, 1980

C. Source Description

Minor discharger-manufactures golf balls-discharges approximately 1.1 MGD of untreated wastewater to the Acushnet River, a class SB water, via (2) outfalls (also (2) internal discharges)-discharge consists mainly of cooling water with lesser amounts of sanitary waste, process waste, and boiler blowdown-discharge contains BOD, solids, bacteria, aluminum, zinc, ammonia and oil & grease

D. State Contact

Bill Marhoffer-Pembroke-826-2424

II. Violation(s)

Failure to meet July 1, 1977 deadline for BPT-municipal tie-in does not meet criteria for ECSL as outlined in Stan Legro's memo of June 3, 1977

The permit as issued set forth the following implementation schedule:

Submit final plans for sewer connection facilities and boiler blowdown pretreatment facilities prior to January 1, 1976.

Construct pretreatment facilities so that wastewaters may be discharged to the municipal sewer within 30 days of its availability.

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L. J. ...



On January 23, 1976, the company submitted a drawing of the proposed layout for the pretreatment facilities and sewer connection.

By letter dated February 23, 1976, the MDWPC required that the company submit more detailed plans.

Revised plans were not submitted and on July 28, 1976, a letter was sent by EPA requiring their submittal within (15) days. The company responded by letter dated August 9, 1976 that the magnitude of the revisions requested by the Division required the hiring of a consulting engineer. They had received approval from their Board of Directors to engage the services of Charles T. Main Inc. for the sum of \$30,000. Preparation of final plans would commence on September 1, 1976 and would take about (6) months to complete (March 1977). However, the plans were not submitted to the MDWPC until June 3, 1977. The Division approved the plans by letter dated July 6, 1977.

The company plans to pretreat its waste (neutralization) and tie-in to the Acushnet municipal system. The Town does not presently have a sewerage system available to the industry but intends to construct a collection system in the future with facilities to cross the Acushnet River and connect with the New Bedford sewerage system.

New Bedford, which has a primary plant, is currently in the Step I phase of upgrading it to the secondary level as well as separating and upgrading its combined collection system. Acushnet has yet to apply for Step I funding and has been referred to the Attorney General's Office for violation of a 1971 consent order requiring design and construction of a separate sanitary collection system.

According to the criteria outlined in the June 3, 1977 memo from Stanley Legro the company is not eligible for an ECSL as neither community has progressed far enough with its pollution control program to satisfy the criteria.

III. Mitigating Circumstances

The company has undertaken process modifications and internal repiping to reduce flows, eliminate discharges and separate contaminated and uncontaminated waste streams.

The company has no control over the ultimate tie-in date as it is dependent on two municipalities to provide the needed facilities. Acushnet must construct a collection system and provide a river crossing to connect to the New Bedford system while New Bedford must modify and expand two pump stations before it can accept the tie-in.

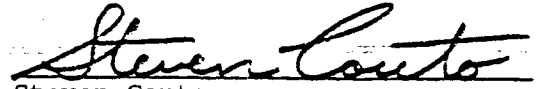
IV. Aggravating Circumstances

The company should have completed its pretreatment facility by the July 1, 1977 deadline. However it did not submit an approveable set

of final plans until June 3, 1977 although the permit required final plans by January 1, 1976.

V. Settlement

Case has been referred to Attorney General.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steven Couto".

Steven Couto
Water Compliance Section

Chronology

- 1/23/76 - company submits drawing of proposed layout for pretreatment and sewer connection
- 2/23/76 - MDWPC-requests additional information on final plans
- 7/28/76 - EPA Letter-requires the Company to submit the revisions required by the MDWPC within (15) days
- 8/9/76 - Company responds-they need a consultant to prepare final plans suitable to MDWPC-Board of Directors authorized \$30,000 to hire engineer-work will begin September 1, 1976-should take six months to complete
- 8/19/76 - EPA Letter to Town-requests schedule on sewerage program-tie-in to New Bedford
- 8/30/76 - Town responds-they are in the process of hiring an engineering firm
- 3/25/77 - Acushnet Company letter to MDWPC-requests permit extension-Town will not have sewer available for (3) years
- 6/3/77 - Final plans submitted
- 6/29/77 - Acushnet Company letter to EPA-requests permit extension Town sewer will not be available for about (2) years
- 7/6/77 - MDWPC Letter to Company approves final plans
- 7/25/77 - MDWPC letter to Company cannot extend permit-will refer to A.G. for consent decree

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